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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our new academic year with the following arrangements:

- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August Induction Day for P2-P7 - finish at 12.00 noon
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September P1/2, P2/3, P4, P5/6, P6/7 (All Pupils) – full day

Arrival times will continue to be staggered between 9.00am and 9.15am. All children will access the school building in the morning through the assembly hall and at the end of the day they will exit around the back of the school.

P1, P2, P3 will finish at 2:00pm

P4, P5, P6, P7 will finish at 3:00pm

This year children will be able to bring a school bag with them. We ask that all items belonging to the children including their coats and uniform be labelled.



We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, milk, snack and school trips. Using a secure website called Parent Pay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or Pay Point. We will be sending out information regarding this in the forthcoming days.

I am delighted to inform you that the children are returning to the school where four of our classrooms have new Interactive Whiteboards installed.

Over the Summer we have had a new Sand box and 3 stage Pull up Bars delivered and they will add to the Children's Play frame, Tunnel Rock wall, Xylophone and Weaving frame that is enhancing our outdoor play experiences for the children.



We are most grateful to the FOSM who have fundraised and applied for grants that have helped secure the funding to enable all these resources to be purchased.



Our school is engaging in the 'Pathways into Partnership' project and on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August the Lakeside Area Learning Community launched our professional learning community with a conference attended by all staff.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back and hope you and your family have a lovely Bank Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs U. McAlinden